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TAGS: PORG IS UNESCO SHUM

SUBJ: UNESCO 104TH EXECUTIVE BOARD: ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

ITEM

REF: STATE 118535

1. AS HIGHEST GOI POLITICAL LEVELS ARE CURRENTLY OCCUPIED WITH AFTERMATH OF MORO ASSASSINATION, WE RAISED UNESCO ISSUE WITH MFA DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS CONFIDENTIAL

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DESTEFANIS. REITERATING POINTS EARLIER MADE TO DESTEFANIS (MAY 5), TO FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI BY AMBASSADOR (MAY 5), AND TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS BOTTAI BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES (MAY 8), EMBOFF WENT ON TO DISCUSS DRAFT RESOLUTIONS CURRENTLY BEING PROPOSED AND TO MAKE POINTS ALONG LINES OF REFTEL.

2. DESTEFANIS SAID THAT HE WOULD TELEPHONE PARIS EARLY
IN AFTERNOON AND INSTRUCT ITALIAN DELEGATION TO SUPPORT
US COMPROMISE FORMULA. IF, HOWEVER, COMPROMISE DOES NOT
SEEM TO BE GOING ANYWHERE, AND IF ITALIANS ARE FORCED
TO VOTE ON ARAB DRAFT, THEY, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD ALONG WITH
AT LEAST SOME OF THEIR EC PARTNERS, WILL ABSTAIN.
DESTEFANIS POINTED OUT THAT ITALIANS HAD ALSO ABSTAINED
ON ORIGINAL UN RESOLUTION AND HAD STATED RESERVATION
REGARDING PALESTINIAN COMMITTEE. THEY WOULD THEREFORE HAVE
TO FOLLOW PREVIOUS LINE OF ABSTENTION AT UNESCO. GARDNER

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